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USDA REPORTS COMMODITY LOAN ACTIVITY AS OF OCTOBER 28, 1997

WASHINGTON, November 4, 1997 -- A report of commodity loan activity for grains, cotton, oilseeds, honey and sugar as of October 28, 1997, was issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Detailed information showing a breakdown of each commodity by state and by farm and warehouse storage is available on the second floor, Main Lobby, of USDA's Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO and from the Economic Policy Analysis Staff of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Room 3740-S, South Building, here.

The data in this weekly report are preliminary and subject to adjustment and verification. Any needed adjustment will be made in the monthly reports of loan activity which USDA issues on or about the 10th working day of the month, depending upon availability of data.

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Price Support Loan Activity Reported as of October 28, 1997

Item	Wheat	Corn	Grain Sorghum		Barley	Oats	Rye
	Million B	ushels	Mil. Bu.	Mil. Cwt.		Million Bushels	
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	194.2	970.2	20.4	11.4	28.7	1.5	
Redeemed	182.2	937.6	19.7	11.0	26.6	1.4	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9 - M o Outstanding	12.0	32.6	0.7	0.4	2.1	0.1	
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	156.4	57.7	4.5	2.5	16.5	1.5	
Redeemed	11.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9 - M o Outstanding	144.5	57.3	4.3	2.4	15.9	1.5	
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	156.5	89.9	5.0	2.8	18.0	1.6	0.0

		Cotton				Sugar	
Item	Soybeans	Upland 1/	ELS	Rice	Honey	Beet	Cane
	Mil. Bu.	1,000 Runn	ing Bales	Mil. Cwt.		Million Pounds	
1995 Crop							
Put Under Loan	181.8	3,478.1	12.6	100.9	54.4	3,805.2	999.9
Redeemed	181.8	3,474.1	12.6	100.9	54.4	3,805.2	999.9
Acquired by CCC	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	195.9	3,339.4	39.6	68.9		1,167.7	669.9
Redeemed	194.2	3,312.4	39.5	68.8		1,167.7	669.9
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	1.7	26.7	0.1	0.1		0.0	0.0
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	52.4	223.7		32.3		139.5	44.9
Redeemed	0.0	3.0		0.5		17.0	0.0
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0
9-Mo Outstanding	52.4	220.7		31.8		122.5	44.9
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	54.1	247.5	0.1	31.9	0.0	122.5	44.9

	Sunflow	er Seed		Canola	Safflower	Mustard	
Item	Oil	Other	Flaxseed	Seed	Seed	Seed	Rapeseed
				1,000 Cwt.			
1996 Crop							
Put Under Loan	2,076	458	22	96	5		
Redeemed	1,881	401	16	91	5		
Acquired by CCC	7	0	0	0	0	_	
9-Mo Outstanding	188	57	6	5	0		
1997 Crop							
Put Under Loan	375	9	27	154		12	
Redeemed	0	0	0	1		0	
Acquired by CCC	0	0	0	0		0	
9-Mo Outstanding	375	9	27	153		12	
Tot 9-Mo Outstand	563	66	33	158	0	12	

^{1/}Cotton loans are for 10 months rather than 9 months.